

MAKES HIS LAST ANNUAL REPORT

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Is Closing His Labors of Sixteen Years.

REVIEW IS EXHAUSTIVE

Tells of Great Work That Has Been Accomplished for Farmers.

Recommendations in Message to Congress

The plan of currency reform outlined by the Monetary Commission. The amendment of the law to lessen the penalty when corporations inadvertently disobey the corporation tax law. Congressional approval of the plan of army reorganization prepared by the War College last spring. The passage of the militia pay bill increasing compensation to militia in the field. Citizenship, without statehood, for Porto Rico. Regulation of water power grants so that navigable streams might be improved by water power companies. Elevation of Colonel Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, to a major-generalship. A return to the policy of two battleships a year by the appropriation for three battleships this year. Authority to the United States Supreme Court to make rules of procedure in common law cases in Federal courts to expedite and lessen the cost of litigation. He disapproved of the following: Autonomy and independence in eight years for the Philippines. Amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law. The President made no recommendations for tariff revision, stating that he would leave that subject to the incoming Congress.

Washington, December 6.—After sixteen years, a record of service in the Cabinet, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson submitted to-day to President Taft the last annual report he will make as head of the United States Department of Agriculture. The report is more than a review of the past year's work. It contains summary of the agricultural advance of the country during the venerable secretary's term of public service.

"The record of sixteen years has been written," he says. "It begins with a yearly farm production of \$4,096,000,000, and ends with \$5,532,000,000. Sixteen years ago, the farmer was a joke of the caricaturist; now he is like the stone that was rejected by the builder and has become the head stone of the corner. The tillers of the soil were burdened with debts, he adds, but prosperity followed and grew with unexampled speed. The plowings have been made in a proportion per acre, increasing faster than the natural increase of population. There has been an uplift of agriculture and of country life. Steadily increases wealth."

"During the past sixteen years the farmer has steadily increased his wealth production year by year, with the exception of 1911. During the sixteen years the farmers' wealth production increased 141 per cent. 'Most productive of all agricultural years in the country has been 1912. The earth has produced its greatest annual dividend. The sun and the rain and the fertility of the soil have not the human controversies, but kept on working in co-operation with the farmers' efforts to utilize them. The prices at the farm are generally profitable, and will continue the prosperity that farmers have enjoyed in recent years. The total production of farm wealth is the highest yet reached by half a billion dollars. The grand total for 1912 is estimated to be \$5,532,000,000. This is more than twice the value of the farm wealth in 1897. More than \$100,000,000,000 is the grand total of farm wealth production, the report says, during the past sixteen years, an amount equal to about three-quarters of the present national wealth."

The most effective move toward reduced cost of living is the production of greater crops, says the secretary, and this move, he declares, is due to the work of the Department of Agriculture, the agricultural colleges and experiment stations and to the help of the press in publishing every movement to help the farmers. The nation, he adds, forgot its farmers in the general scheme of education of past years and few philanthropists thought of them when giving for education, but they are waking up and thinking for themselves, and Congress has been good to them."

Praises His Assistants. The secretary first takes up the work of the various bureaus of his department in the past year, and then tells of the growth in some instances from their foundation, of these bureaus during the time he has been head of the department. He praises

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highly the experts who have worked under him.

"The great and growing movement carried on by the department for agricultural betterment," he declares, "has not been sustained solely by one man nor by a few men. A choice corps of scholarly experts in their special lines of endeavor has been given membership in the breadth of view, and in the practical application of their efforts."

"The department is prepared to continue and increase its public service. During sixteen years it has progressed from the kindergarten through the primary, middle and upper grades of development until now it has a thousand tongues that speak with authority."

From the department, with 2,444 employees in 1897 and an appropriation of \$3,212,502, it has increased to 13,855 employees at the beginning of the present fiscal year with an appropriation this year of almost \$45,000,000. Whereas there are now 62,000 requests every week for department publications, there were but 100 in 1897; and during this period 225,000,000 copies have been distributed. In soil investigation an area of 623,000 square miles, equal to that of Germany, France, Great Britain, Ireland and Italy, has been covered.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Winchester, Va., December 6.—Unable to recover fully from large losses suffered during a slump in the apple market here in the fall of 1911, Ashby and Frank Sprink, brothers, trading as the Sprink Produce Company, to-day filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court at Harrisonburg. Their liabilities are about \$27,000. Referees Charles A. Hammer, will convene the creditors here shortly.

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FIRST WITNESSES ON FOR DEFENSE

Commonwealth Closes Its Case in Sidna Allen Murder Trial.

PRISONER'S WIFE ON STAND

Indications Now Point to Opening of Arguments on Monday.

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In the afternoon the defense opened its evidence by the introduction of G. F. Cochran, who testified that when he came from the courthouse after the jury had given in its verdict against Floyd Allen he found Friel Allen and Wesley Edwards in the store with Heath Childress, and when he announced the verdict to them, Wesley Edwards said, "Let's go over," and Friel said he wanted to see the doctor and had a talk with Dr. Nuckolls; that Wesley Edwards left first, Heath Childress next and Friel Allen last.

The evidence of several commercial travelers was then read by consent to show sales to Sidna Allen for his store up to March 11, three days before the tragedy. Several witnesses testified as to the statements of Deputy Sheriff Fowler that he was standing by Sheriff Webb's side and saw him fire twice at the breast of Floyd Allen.

R. M. Owen, depot agent at Betty Baker, testified as to the shipment of goods to Sidna Allen up to the time of the tragedy. This evidence was intended to refute the idea of conspiracy on the part of the accused. Cummins Gardner was examined as to the statement made by Deputy Clerk Queenberry to the effect that he was not at all alarmed, as he had been expecting it for nine months. Church Alderman told of lending a pistol to Webb, the sheriff, on the 15th, and Mrs. Sidna Allen was then introduced to prove the time her husband and Floyd Allen arrived at her home and the nature of the conversation while there. She said nothing was said as to the trial of Floyd.

The jury was then retired and Miss Thomas was examined as to the dying declaration of Miss Ayres. The evidence was excluded by the court, as well as the evidence of two or three other witnesses along the same line. At the present rate the evidence for the defense will be all in to-morrow, and rebuttal evidence will be short. The prospect is that argument will begin on Monday.

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Close Hustings Court Next Friday.

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